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MEMORANDUM FOR: [ ]

SUBJECT : Situation Report - PBSUCCESS for the Period 20-26 April 1954

I. Operational - The following events of operational significance occurred during the reporting period:

- A. Ambassador Peurifoy arrived in Washington from Guatemala City on 20 April and met the next day with officials of this Agency for debriefing. Notes on this meeting may be found in a detailed "Memorandum for the Record" dated 22 April 1954 in PBSUCCESS files. At present [ ] is preparing to brief the Ambassador on pertinent aspects of PBSUCCESS.
- B. On 21 April 1954 [ ] reported that [ ] chief of the PP group in Guatemala, became the object of a police search as the result of a crackdown by the Guatemalan Government on the "32 campaign". [ ] took refuge in [ ] apartment, but left later that same night as he felt that his hiding would be evidence of his guilt. In connection with the police attack on the [ ] group, Radio Internacional was attacked the night of 21 April by five armed masked men believed by the radio station owner to be members of the Guatemalan Secret Police. The owner based his belief on the fact that police had previously warned him against carrying anti-Communist programs.
- C. On 21 April President Osorio of El Salvador stated that he and President Arbenz of Guatemala have a secret pact pledging mutual non-interference. Osorio also said that he has information regarding recent large arms shipments to Guatemala. The bold assassination attempt on President Somoza of Nicaragua, coupled with the foregoing, genuinely worries Osorio in regard to Guatemala's intentions toward El Salvador. [ ]  
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D.

It has been suggested by Lincoln that travel to Lincoln for 60 days in connection with PP activities.

- E. The Guatemalan Government intends to replace Rogelio CRUZ Wer as Chief of Police but is withholding action until police complete an investigation of telegrams intercepted by their agents in an unnamed

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B. Personnel

Several routine personnel transactions were accomplished during the week. The main problem with regard to personnel is the matter of their present and future status and promotion policy while assigned to PBSUCCESS. Lincoln continues to recommend personnel for promotions and does not feel that promotions must necessarily be in accord with present WHD policy. A staff paper outlining the problems will be submitted next week for study.

C. Finance

Headquarters received the monthly requirements for additional funds to be forwarded to Lincoln and regional command stations. The request has been submitted and approved by DD/P and the funds will be pouched through the regular secure finance channel.

D. General

Twice weekly pouch service in and out of [ ] has been established for regional command stations.

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